



## Thompson's Mills Preservation Society

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### **Thompson's Mills Preservation Society Minutes**

#### **February 26, 2019--1st draft copy emailed to members 2/27/19**

Members Present: Jim Ballard, President; Ron VanOrden, Treasurer; Donald Lyon, Secretary, and Patty Linn. Absent were Larry Thompson and Carl Browning. Guests were Tom Parsons, OPRD and Kathy Knower, Albany Visitors Association.

1) Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by President Jim Ballard. Minutes of November 2018 meeting require revisions, as do minutes of July 2018--Ron will send these to Don who will send to other members for approval.

2) Ron VanOrden gave the Treasurer's Report including Financial Summary sheet with the following information: Opening balance is \$22561.67. Cash balance is \$22479.35. Non cash assets are \$3138, est. Commitments are \$18816.07 with cash uncommitted of \$3663.28. One new expense was \$736.50 for t-shirts. \$4000 had been budgeted for the Silo logo repainting though new estimate by artist is approximately \$5000. Suggestion was made that donations from TMPS members and others might offset the difference.

3) Letter from Sarah Steele, OPRD District Manager: Jim read a letter from Ms. Steele in which she apologized for slow response to TMPS letter requesting acknowledgement of TMPS goals and efforts. She wrote that as OPRD had recently filled a number of critical positions she was now able to acknowledge support and appreciation for TMPS efforts.

4) Update on Silo projects: Logos were last painted in 2007 by Lori Rodriguez. Lori visited the mill recently, then researched her records and determined that a lime based (not latex) paint was required by OPRD. Previous paint was made by Glidden. Lori reports that she declared \$6728 to IRS as income for this project in 2007. She thought that \$5000 plus expenses, insurance and 60' hoist would be her requirement. Jim will contact Lori to authorize her to go ahead with preparations to do the repainting as soon as OPRD has finished their part of the project.

Regarding the Linn County Cultural Coalition grant request made Feb. 11, 2019, TMPS had requested \$3500 with additional funds to come from other grants or sources. Katie Knower of AVA will report back about when the grant results will be known and if TMPS can apply for grants to reimburse itself after expending funds for the silo repainting.

5) Promotional items: Jim displayed samples of the T-shirts recently purchased. They will be made available to visitors for a suggested minimum donation of \$15. Their actual cost was, depending upon size, \$10-12. Park host Don has created a spreadsheet to determine which colors, designs and sizes sold. It is expected that a larger additional order of shirts will be made once preferences are known.

The TMPS postcards were then discussed. 500 cards were purchased from VistaPrint for \$84 or 17¢ each. It is hoped to offer them to Visitors for a \$1 donation and perhaps give

them to school groups. The inscription on the back contains an error in the date of the mill-1848 instead of 1858. Don will attempt to correct the error with "Wite-Out" and ink. Good luck Don.

6) 2019 Proposed TMPS Activities: a) Mother Earth News Fair: Don reported that we have reserved a booth next to Bob's Red Mill which should provide us with many visitors. He will begin to organize the materials needed for a successful display at the August Fair. b) Mason Bee box and cocoons: Don will take delivery soon and work with Tom for best site and care of bees. c) Hwy 99 barn sign: Tom will research ownership. Jim volunteered to assist Tom in approaching the owner about willingness to have an old style barn billboard painted to promote Thompson's Mills State Historic Site. d) Hands On History in Brownsville (Aug. 24) Jim and Don reported that TMPS will be represented with quern. Volunteers must be in period costume. Jim and his wife will demonstrate the quern. Don will be making cider. Both will be encouraging visitors to visit the Mill. e) Newsletter: Jim advocates for issues created for May and November. All Board members and others are asked to think about an essay to contribute.

7) Report by telephone from Larry Thompson: Larry reported about updates with his Chevrolet Club gathering and another old car club wanting to establish regular visits to the Mill. The August 10 visit will require volunteers, docents, etc. Larry felt there would be about 125 cars present, maybe 200 people. Event will be good publicity for the Mill. Larry met with Bob Moore of Bob's Red Mill and talked about possibility of TMPS receiving a donation. Fact that TM is now a State Park makes a donation problematic for Bob's Red Mill.

8) Tom Parson's Ranger's Corner: Tom noted that the Host Sites are completed with water hookups. That school groups start in May. That TMPS has an opportunity to receive a briefing about getting grants and other income opportunities from Brian--Tom is this Brian Carrol from LC Cultural Coalition? Tom also reported that Doug Crispin's wife recently died and Doug intends to leave the area. Doug had been Mill Ranger for many years and quite helpful to Tom.

9) New Business: Katie Knower advised that a AVA publication, "Summer in the City" would be going to press, deadline for ads is April 2. This publication will be included in home deliveries of all local newspapers so it will reach local households more than visitors (as does our other ad with AVA magazine). Details are attached to Minutes email for all Members to consider. 1/4 page ad is \$309. We provide camera ready ad copy or pay extra for design.

Patty Linn displayed some amulets that she had designed which she thought might tempt Mill visitors to make a donation for them. She is prepared to donate some stocks on hand and see what the reaction is.

10) Next Meeting will be March 19, a week earlier than regular time.

11) Meeting was adjourned about 8PM.

Minutes recorded by Donald Lyon and emailed to members and guests on 2/27/19. Please make corrections at least several days before next meeting.